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Steve,

Here is the information regarding private well in New Mexico.

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Ban on Domestic Well Water Use in New Mexico Environment Depart

Santa Fe – Today, the precaution against using domestic well water in the Animas River floodplain (near the Animas River--site of the Gold King Mine spill) was lifted by the New Mexico Environment Department and the Health Department with input from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Protection Agency. All other precautions related to the spill remain in effect.

“The only reason we’re in this position today, to lift the ban on domestic well water,” said Environment Secretary Ryan Cline. “We thank our partners at the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Environment, Health, New Mexico’s Office of the State Engineer, Agriculture, Game and Fish, and Homeland Security, and the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Protection Agency. All other precautions related to the spill remain in effect.”

“Alarming levels of lead, cobalt, cadmium, arsenic, iron and manganese were evident in the initial pulse of contamination at Cement Hill,” said Governor Martinez. “Under Governor Martinez’ leadership and Executive Order designating the spill as a state emergency, state agencies mobilized to create and communicate safety precautions for well water use, while we simultaneously worked to collect surface water samples and monitor groundwater quality.”

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